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FROM THE EDITOR

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Earlier this year the Imperial War Museum's press release about the Ian Fleming exhibition landed in my inbox, prompting me to set off for the local branch of Southwark Libraries where I helped myself to the only James Bond book on the shelf. I then became entirely unhinged, purchasing and then devouring the remaining 13 books in the oeuvre. But now my Bond binge has come to a sad end. If like me you are between reads, then we have some ideas for your summer literature list in this issue.

Author **Stella Duffy** has lived in the area for years, and now she's written a whole novel based on characters who populate a dry-cleaning shop in Loughborough Junction. Read excerpts, plus Stella's absorbing commentary, on page 10.

More locally relevant lit awaits on page 34, where we present the new releases from south London wordsmiths Louise Candlish, Alex Wheatle and Sean Longley. For young readers, turn to page 32 to meet Crystal Palace author and illustrator Alex Milway. (Plus, we've got 10 copies of Alex's *The Curse of the Mousebeard* to give away!)

Since there's plenty of time to get stuck into a book while lying on the beach, waiting in the airport, lounging in the park or idling in the garden, summer's the perfect time for reading. As our cover shows, Dulwich Park is exceptionally idyllic this time of year, but you might also visit the new **reading library** in Herne Hill. Earlier this summer the Friends of Carnegie Library opened an innovative new space for storytelling, reading and quiet contemplation, made possible through the BBC's Breathing Places campaign and the Big Lottery Fund.

Before you lose yourself in a book, flip through *Living South* to read about the Brixton-based lead singer of **Alabama 3** on page 8, the amazing eco exploits of a Sydenham couple on page 36 and Herne Hill's loveliest professional cricketer on page 24.

Shannon

THIS MONTH'S COVER...
Dulwich Park captured by Eric Richardson
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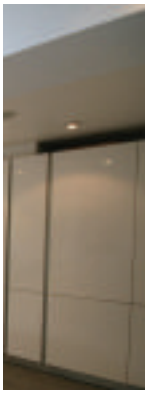

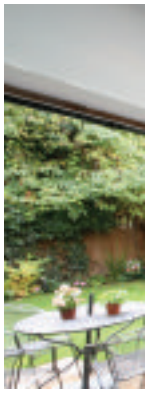

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Son of a PREACHER MAN

Alabama 3's Larry Love talks to **TRACEY DAVIES** about his evangelical upbringing, jamming with Stephen King and his time in Brixton Prison

Even without his trademark hat there's no mistaking the inimitable presence of Larry Love, lead singer of Alabama 3, the band who rode through the Britpop era wearing only Stetsons and southern irony.

Alabama 3 is a Brixton-based band with its roots imported directly from America's Deep South. They've been singing their gritty blend of sweet country acid house for nearly two decades and are known as much for their evangelical personas as their inherently cool tunes such as "Hello...I'm Johnny Cash" and "Monday Don't Mean Anything". The number of band members yo-yos more than Oprah's dress size but is primarily lead singer Larry Love, fellow vocalist The Reverend D Wayne Love, The Mountain of Love on harmonica, Sir "Eddie" Real playing percussion, Rock Freebase on guitar, LB Dope playing the drums and finally, The Spirit of Love on keyboards.

The hit that blasted the band into the universal spotlight is the grimly catchy "Woke Up This Morning" from the hit US TV series *The Sopranos*. "[Creator] David Chase was driving down the New Jersey freeway and considering using a different track for every episode until he heard 'Woke Up This Morning'," says Larry. "First he thought we were from Alabama and then he finds out we're a band fronted by a Welsh lad living in f***ing Brixton!" he laughs.

"I'm very proud to live in south London; it's a good multicultural kind of mix here which very much forms our music," says Larry. "Although I don't know how I managed to go from living on the Brixton frontline to speaking with an American accent wearing Stetsons!"

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The band are the complete antithesis to their Britpop peers. "Coming out of that era, I just didn't like Union Jacks and all that shaking hands with the Prime Minister, I think that's wrong," he says. "I'm from South Wales and the son of preacher man. My father's a Mormon preacher, my brother's a Mormon preacher, my sisters married Mormon preachers, so I was brought up on American gospel music. It was all this evangelical type of vibe and when I was 14 or 15 I discovered that there was a very fine line between gospel music and blues."

After college Larry moved to Brixton and with fellow raver Jake Black, also known as The Reverend D Wayne, founded one of the era's most unforgettable bands, releasing their debut studio album *Exile on Coldharbour Lane* in 1997. "My parents are proud now, although we had some philosophical religious problems at certain ages," admits Larry with a wry grin. "I won a BAFTA a month ago for [the soundtrack of] this film called *The Priest* and I sent my mum and dad down to collect the award, so they've got to be proud of me!"

The band recently played a charity gig at Brixton Prison. "I've played a few prison gigs. This was for Rock against Racism along with the Jail Guitar Doors programme, a charity which donates musical instruments to the inmates and puts guitars in their cells," says Larry. "It was remarkably different to when we played there seven years ago. The last time there were screws down in the chapel, around the side, I couldn't swear, couldn't shout, I had to take out all the sex, drugs and rock and roll aspect of it," he laughs. "This time, I'd read an interview with the governor and he said his favourite band was Alabama 3. So I called him up and said, 'Paul, you're familiar with what we do, right? What can we do, we're Alabama 3, can we swear?' He said, 'Do what the f*** you want!' Three or four songs in and it really kicked off, it went mental!" laughs Larry. "I'm not saying I was pulling a Bono, but we're putting something back into the community – it was an honour to be asked."

Their famous followers include authors Irvine Welsh and Stephen King, who had the band play at his London book launch. "Steven King jammed with us. He was at Temple Bar doing a book launch and we were playing. I said across the hall [in a deep southern accent], 'Stephen, would you like to sing the blues and raise the dead tonight?' And he said, 'Yeah, man.' And he did!"

Since parting company with their record label, Alabama 3 are enjoying their outlaw status and have launched a new project called "Alabama 3's Twelve Steps to Nowhere". Every month people can download 12 days of three free tracks from their website. At the end of the year and after 36 tracks, the fans decide which 12 will go on the album.

During the summer the guys have a throng of festivals planned, including Scotland's T in the Park and Glastonbury, where they also featured as an acoustic set-up called Alabama 3 Acoustic. They are also back and forth to the States touring throughout August and September.

Larry likes to spend his precious downtime in south London and particularly "anywhere who'll give us a lock-in and lets us wear our shades after midnight". Once a month they can be found in Jamm on Brixton Road hosting their regular club, Outlaw, where they introduce two or three new bands to the scene. At any Alabama 3 gig you would never guess from the crowd who was coming on stage. "I'm proud that we have an extremely wide demographic," says Larry, "from Hells Angels to grandmothers to acid house casualties." And with this you can be sure that the boys from Alabama 3 will be preaching their faux-evangelical-country-acid for many generations to come.

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COMING *clean*

Author Stella Duffy talks to **ANGELA CLERKIN** about inspirational people, delicious local food and washing dirty linen in public

Stella Duffy was born in the UK, grew up in New Zealand and now lives with her partner Shelly Silas near Loughborough Junction. She is the author of seven novels, writes regularly for Radio 4, is an improviser, actor and presenter, and has recently recorded a documentary about the 100th anniversary of Mills and Boon for BBC4.

Set in a dry-cleaning shop in Loughborough Junction, her new book *The Room of Lost Things* was long-listed for the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction 2008. Using extracts from her book as a starting point, here she discusses her local life.

Under his railway arch in Loughborough Junction, south London, Robert Sutton is taking leave of a lifetime of hard work. His dry-cleaning shop lies at the heart of a lively community, a fixed point in a changing world. And, as he explains to his successor, young east Londoner Akeel, it is also the resting place for the contents of his customers' pockets – and for their secrets and lies.

SD: More than five years ago my local dry cleaner, Faisal, said to me you should write about dry cleaners because we know people's secrets. The idea stuck in my head and it started me thinking about the things people leave in their pockets, the things you

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don't even know you've lost. I was also interested in the personal nature of the transaction in a dry cleaners; in a normal shop you give money and you buy something new, but in a dry cleaners it is the physical manifestation of taking out your dirty linen in public. And they do ask you if there are any stains!

Faisal told me lots of stories, and before my book was published he read a final draft. He loved it but asked me to change the name of a character who has an affair, "You can't call him that, I have a client called that!"

I was also keen to set the book in Loughborough Junction where Faisal's shop was, and where I have lived for the past 11 years, because of the fantastic mixture of people from a variety of countries, cultures and class, all of whom use the local shops. Faisal sold his dry cleaners in January and my book came out in March – I really like that in a way because it's fiction but it's also real.

Robert has never joined the friends of Ruskin Park, or read its history at the Carnegie Library opposite, the Minet further north, he does not receive the Herne Hill Society newsletter, itemising the hopeful fates of the bandstand and the bowling green and the public toilet block. But he did make love to Jean here once, in the bandstand, on a chill February night when the old timber was damp and the steps were something to trip up in the heat of passion. Later they rolled together on the wet grass of the bowling green, and this park was Eden.

SD: "Write what you know" is really bad advice! Trying to get the description of the park right was really hard. I know the park very well and I really worried about it. After I had written the first couple of drafts they changed the park! The bowling green had been falling apart for years and they got rid of it. So I decided to relax and not to give myself such a hard time.

The thing I love most about Ruskin Park at the moment are the rhododendrons, they are stunning. Reds and pinks and purples all together, more than 30 of them. I go out of my way just to look – glorious!

Alice's parents' home, just off Kennington Park, was no place to have a baby. Twice in a row they'd been hit, one bitter week, lucky not to have been caught in the worst of it when the shelter in the park took a direct hit. Alice knew one RAF bloke who swore blind it wasn't an accident on the Luftwaffe's part, they'd been fed the wrong information on purpose, the fat man on the other side of the river thought the rubble of Walworth and St Olave and Kennington a fair trade-off for the houses of Parliament and Whitehall. That lot never had any respect for south of the river.

SD: I started writing this book soon after my mother had died. I couldn't have written about her because it was too raw, too real, but in the end, lots of her stories got in anyway. She was born in Kennington and became a seamstress there when she was 14. Her dancing dresses, that she had made herself, were littered everywhere after one of the bombings in her street. In the book when Alice is moved out to the great house belonging to the McDougall flour people, that's also my mum. She told me she was moved out to the McDougalls' stately home to have my brother. The thing is my mum always exaggerated so I am never certain if I have got things exactly right!

I am interested in finding the emotional content in ordinary people's stories. It's all very well watching documentaries but everyone's stories change with memory, facts get filtered, and I wanted that feel for the book.

My parents were both 18 in 1939 when the Second World War started and so they were very much of that time. Some of the stories in my book are theirs and others I have just made up. It was my dad who told me how it came about that Kennington was bombed instead of Whitehall – it was a story he heard when he was serving in the New Zealand Air Force.

The walk to the tube from his flat on the corner by Camberwell Green is a taste-bud awakening for Stefan, every time. First the deli, then its cousin bakery next door, never having confirmed if the owners are Greek or Turkish Cypriot, Stefan is careful not to question the particular Mediterranean provenance of the sesame-studded bread he buys there, enjoys for its white-flour wickedness. Then the Chinese supermarket where bright-scaled fish glisten on the iced table, eyes wide at the shock of ending their lives next to Woolworths in Camberwell.

SD: When I walk up Coldharbour Lane there are all these great places to eat – it is quite hard for me not to stop at each one! There is a great Portuguese deli, which is just up the road from the Nice and Spice Bakery, which always has a massive queue outside. And there's a fantastic Chinese supermarket with a whole load of stuff that I don't know what it is, but I make something delicious with, working it out as I go along. If I can only choose one thing it will have to be "rice and peas with plenty gravy" from the West Indian takeaway Blessed Be. I can't eat it unless I am feeling skinnier than I have been for a month!

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> "The man is youngish and has a ponytail; he is not drunk and he is not scruffy"

in shorts, when over the tannoy it comes, loud and clear. "May we remind passengers on platform four that urinating on the platform is an offense."

This is brilliant. All of us on platforms one, two and three (the non-urinaters) snigger and stare across at platform four. Who can it be, who is the dastardly platform wee-er?

Everyone on platform four looks around huffily as if to say, "Well it's not me," when slowly, right from the furthest end of platform four, about as far away from the station as you can get, a man walks slowly back to where everyone else is waiting. The man is youngish and has a ponytail; he is not drunk and he is not scruffy; he is however, incredibly embarrassed. He walks the walk of shame, and everyone stares. He is the station urinator.

"That's our CCTV culture for you," says Nice Dad who is sitting next to me with a buggy full of babies. "Yes," I reply, "and isn't it marvellous?" He raises his eyebrow. I think he might be a *Guardian* reader.

Thing is, most women don't mind CCTV. It makes us feel safer and, anyway, because we are women, we don't think we're going to get caught doing anything silly. We presume that we are always in the right. Men, on the other hand! Men know they've just done, are doing or are about to do something very silly and probably a bit naughty. And that's why they have to be watched – everywhere and anywhere, at all times. ●

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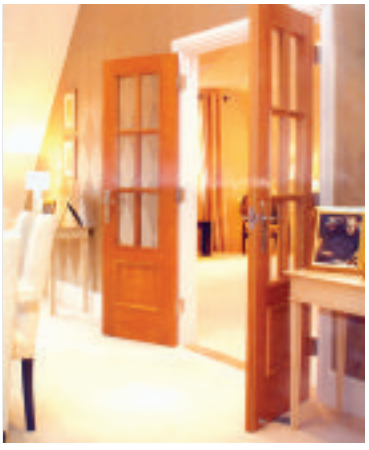

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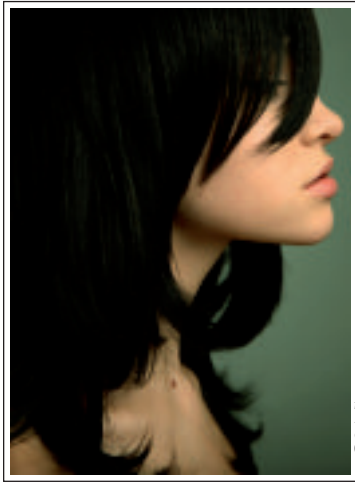

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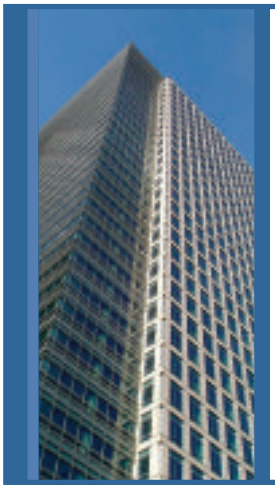

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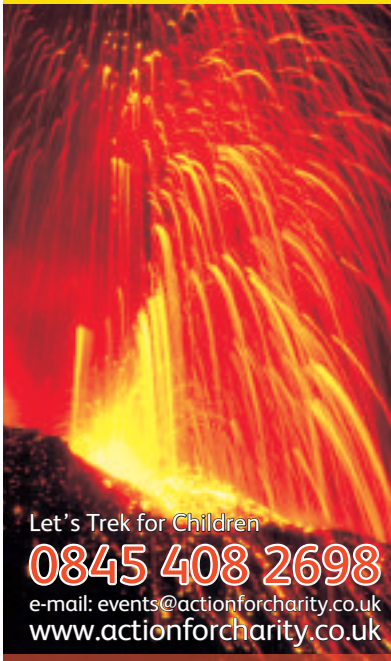

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Ebs before wicket

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It's probably fair to surmise that growing up with a name such as Ebony-Jewel Cora-Lee Camellia Rosamond Rainford-Brent instils a certain degree of patience into a person. Patience is certainly a helpful asset when playing cricket at the highest level, but when faced with three years on the sidelines of the sport through injury, it becomes an absolute necessity.

At the age of just 24, the Surrey and England cricketer from Herne Hill, who (mercifully) is happy to be known simply as 'Ebs', has already braved more bad luck with injuries than most encounter in an entire career. "I was bowling when I was 19 and I felt a terrible pain in my back. I was diagnosed with two prolapsed discs," she explains. "The doctors told me I should give up sport altogether, which left me in a complete state. But the support of my family and friends made a huge difference. It took me three months to be able to walk properly and another year before I could run. Then I finally picked up a bat to have a hit and I thought 'Wow! I can do this again!' After such a long journey it was amazing to reach that point and to get to where I am now is unbelievable really."

Ever since , Ebony has made up for lost time and the rewards have been impressive, both at county and international level. "I'm opening the batting for Surrey now, which is great. The challenge for me this season is to stay in and make some big scores to really finish the games off."

A string of imposing displays for Surrey caught the eyes of the England selectors and, in February, Ebony was delighted to be able to rejoin the national side, which she

had served consistently at junior level before her injury. She beams as she looks back on her return to the team: "To go from thinking I'd never play any sport again to representing my country out in India was incredible. After so long out, to pull on the England shirt again with Rainford-Brent on the back was just the best feeling. Now we've got the West Indies, South Africa and India coming over here, so I'm looking forward to a good summer with England. I'm just loving being back in the squad and training with all the girls again. I'm making a few runs at the moment, which always helps, so hopefully it'll be a big year for me."

Things have certainly got off to a good start, as before a ball was even bowled this summer, Ebony received a huge boost from the Cricket Foundation, who awarded her a prestigious coaching contract as part of the 'Chance to Shine' scheme, which aims to halt the decline of competitive cricket within state schools. This is an achievement of some significance, not only as it affirms the belief that Ebony has a bright future with England, but also as it helps to bring some much needed respite from what has been a very hectic lifestyle. "It's a great relief because sometimes it can just be too hard to fit work around playing and training, but now cricket is my job, which is fantastic."

The new contract means that Ebony can now devote half of her week to training and playing, whilst the rest of the time she spends coaching young cricketing hopefuls in clubs and schools and doing PR work aimed at raising the profile of women's cricket. As she explains her newfound responsibilities, Ebony is all smiles and brimming with enthusiasm, making it easy to see why the Cricket Foundation chose to make her one of only eight professional, female cricketers in the country. "I love the coaching side of things. It feels great going into schools and running games and competitions and then watching as more and more girls get excited about cricket. Hopefully getting to see the England players on a regular basis will really inspire them."

"I get to work with girls who are growing up in south London, just like I did"

Having spent her whole life in south London, the chance to play her part in developing women's cricket within her own community is clearly important to Ebony. "One of my favourite things about the coaching is that I'm doing it in my local area, so I get to work with girls who are growing up in south London, just like I did."

Now back to full fitness and with her cricketing stock firmly on the rise, it seems certain that Ebony will start to attract the attention of rival counties. However, the chances of her being tempted away from her life with Surrey seem remote: "I love the Oval, it feels like a second home to me. And as I'm a Herne Hill girl, born and bred, it's great because everything's within a couple of minutes drive. There's just so much in the area for me, because most of my family are still based around here as well. I was thinking just recently how much I love it. I want to stay here for the rest of my life."

The month's essential events

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Jakob Kolding's work at South London Gallery, courtesy Galleri Nicolai Wallner

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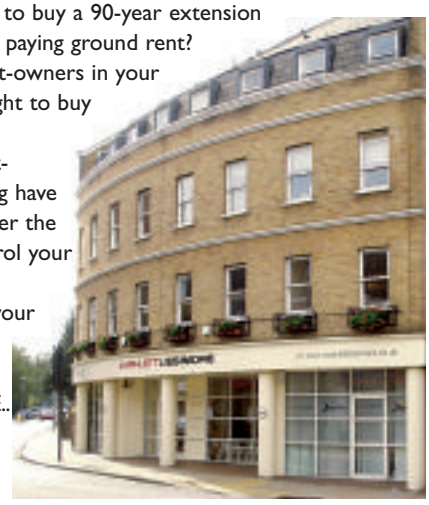

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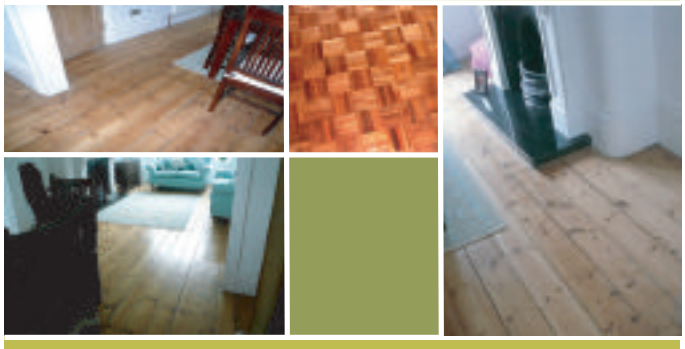

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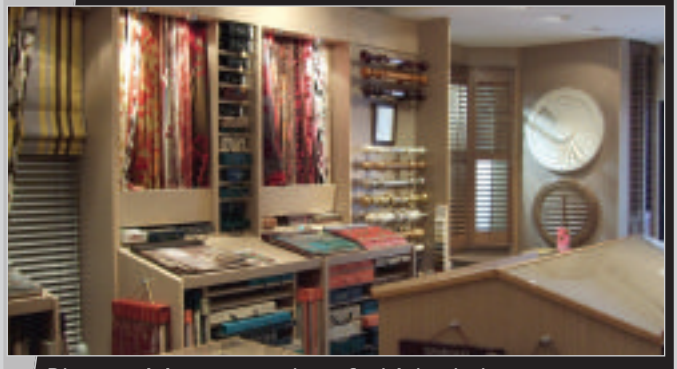

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Literary Dulwich

Dulwich College has been hitting the books this summer. First, Anne Dawson – who's served as librarian in the junior school at Dulwich College for almost 11 years – was one of just six names shortlisted from a nationwide search for SLA School Librarian of the Year. Then came the launch of Jan Piggott's new work *Dulwich College – a History*. The event included a surprise appearance by Edward Alleyn (played by director of drama, Peter Jolly). He delivered – in the majestic style of acting which made him famous – his 1604 speech welcoming King James to London.

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THE SECOND HUSBAND BY LOUISE CANDLISH

Kate Easton's 10-year marriage to husband Alistair ends in his infidelity. To make matters worse, Alistair soon announces his new wife is pregnant, and he'll be cutting financial support to Kate and her two children. To cope, the family have to take in a lodger – and so attractive, charismatic Davis Calder moves in. Before long and against her intention, Kate is head-over-heels. She accepts Davis' proposal of marriage, and it finally seems she might get her fairytale ending. Until, that is, she returns from honeymoon and discovers a shattering secret. This is another gripping tale from Poet's Corner-based author Louise Candlish. Although The Second Husband is set in North London and in France, "it's impossible not to draw on what I see around me every day, so there's a slice or two of south London in there somewhere!" says Louise. **Little Brown Books, £6.99**

THE HARTLEPOOL MONKEY BY SEAN LONGLEY

Told from three separate, equally observant and acridly humorous points of view, this story, set in 18th century France, follows the fate of physician Simon Legris, who returns from an expedition to Africa with a monkey that understands human speech in tow. The monkey, named Jacques LeSinge, is devoted to Simon and he to Jacques. Through a series of mishaps, however, Jacques comes to be accused of molesting a marquis's wife and is eventually tried as a French spy. A one-guinea brief, Warrens, is his only defence, and in the ensuing court case a heated, informative and often extremely funny philosophical debate begins. This historical romp is based on the infamous Hartlepool folk tale of a monkey hanged as an enemy agent after the Napoleonic Wars. Sean Longley is an expert on criminal law who lives in south London with his family. **Doubleday, £14.99**

THE DIRTY SOUTH BY ALEX WHEATLE

Brought up in Brixton – "the Dirty South" – 20 years after the last race riots, Dennis Huggins is still finding the options for young black males cruelly limited. As the minor misdemeanors he's involved with in childhood escalate, he falls into working as a drug dealer, dodging the police, getting in gang wars and always, always looking for love along the way. This is a blisteringly honest and insightful account of an urban teenager's descent into a world of hopelessness, told with Alex Wheatle's usual unapologetic razor sharpness and acerbic wit. Alex grew up in Brixton and was inspired to start writing by the Brixton race riots of 1981. He now lives with his three children in south London. **Serpent's Tail, £9.99**

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Bin there, done that

This is recycling to extremes – **ANDREA HENSHER** meets the inspired Sydenham couple who have forsaken the high street for the skip

There's a 1964 caravan moored outside, so this is definitely the place. At the turn of the stairs I am greeted by repeated reflections of myself from a wall of mirrors of various shapes and sizes. Framed pages from old music manuscripts mount the stairs with me. A vacuum cleaner of uncertain vintage, but definitely an intruder in the internet age, nestles beside another set of narrow, stairs up to attic bedrooms.

I ask Kate Shipp, half of the artist couple who live and work from this unusual Sydenham home, to describe their style. "Everything is something found that we've used. I would describe our style as Quite Eccentric," she says to me across the door which serves as their dining table. She pours tea made on a gas stove which probably dates back to the 1940s. "The gas fitter refused to fit it because it didn't comply with modern safety standards." Its neat, rounded edges are a world away from the sleek polished lines of today's appliances.

The room I am sitting in contains a plan chest found on the street and the walls are papered with the uncut sheets from a book of classical French poetry. "The house hadn't been decorated since the 1970s," Kate says. "That was all right for us – it made it cheaper. In the bedroom we simply stripped down the layers till we found this." A bold floral print sprawls across the walls of their attic bedroom, beneath and around a pair of metal torsos. As working artists they carry the theme of recycling into their work. Over the fireplace a car bonnet is a huge,

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burnished frame for a portrait; Mark makes greetings cards with hand-pressed flowers, leaves and feathers and Kate's film work uses local sources and props. Their art nestles comfortably amongst found objects in this ageless space, less museum than living gallery, the collection of objects from other people's lives, used and now re-used with quirky defiance in this throw-away age. I was quite taken with the Mona Lisa tea-towel (or was it a small table cloth?) draped over the banister.

"There are a few things we would buy new, like kids' shoes and food. If there's say a particular book one of the children wants then we'll get that, but I would say 95% of the stuff we buy is pre-used. It's cheap to live this way, though that's not the primary reason. It's probably a bit of a hangover from student days. This way you get to have stuff that isn't like anyone else's. It's a bit anti-fashion, I suppose. And there are environmental reasons for living this way. There's less manufacturing involved, no new processing has happened to produce anything here.

"It's very beneficial for the children – they use their imagination all the time. They do a lot of dressing up, going to the park reading. They read tons. We play a lot of games together. They don't get teased at school, quite the opposite. When their friends come round it's like going into a fantasy world."

Many things have come from car boot sales or second-hand shops but most have been rescued from skips, including all their beds. Kate smiles. "Mark was getting a bed out of a skip one day when a bloke inside the house shouted out 'Oi! Look after that bed! I was born on that!'"

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So how does this recycled living work? "You just have to keep your eyes open," says Kate. "If there's something we need, we keep it in mind when we go car-booting. See what we find. It's a bit different to people that live the classic consumer lifestyle where it's all about a particular product. We're not ever in a rush for anything. It's a slower way of living, a process. We do it on a budget, but you could go to an antiques shop. A friend of mine has kitted her place out totally in vintage 1970s style. That's the beauty of it. You can do it in the style that you like if you don't want to have the same stuff everyone else does. If people can see that it's not really a painful thing they might be tempted to do things differently too. If it was really painful we definitely wouldn't be doing it."

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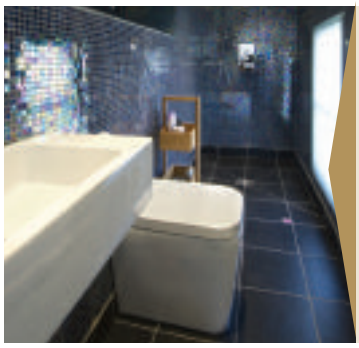

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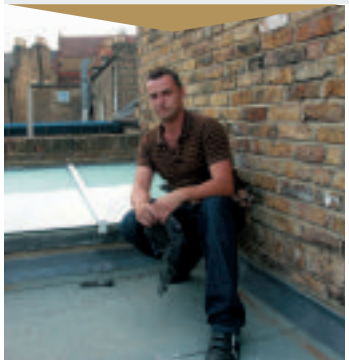

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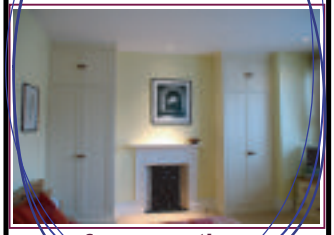

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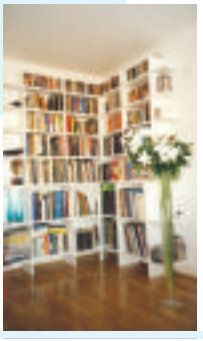

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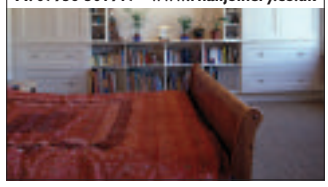

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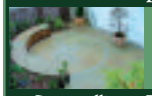

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Property Of The Month

Therapia Road, Dulwich, SE22 £300,000 F/H

Beautiful and extensively renovated one bedroom conversion flat with planning permission for an extension to the rear to allow for a further bedroom and ensuite bathroom. There is under floor heating throughout the property, except to the lounge. There is a 26m (85ft) garden to the rear. Honor Oak train station is a ten minute walk away providing links to London Bridge and Victoria.

Thornlaw Road, Norwood, SE27 £399,950 F/H

Wonderfully spacious three bedroom 1930 semi-detached home in good decorative order, offered with a separate garage and featuring a conservatory which leads onto an 80ft garden.

Landcroft Road, Dulwich, SE22 £369,000 F/H

Spacious and bright two double bedroom Victorian 'half house'. The extension to this property really marks the difference between similar properties in the area giving a real feeling of space.

Lyndhurst Grove, Peckham, SE15 £225,000 L/H

Superbly located one double bedroom raised ground floor conversion flat. The flat comprises: One double bedroom, lounge with large bay window, kitchen, bathroom and 30ft private garden.

Underhill Road, Dulwich, SE22 £215,000 F/H

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Harold Road, Crystal Palace, SE19, £745 pcm

Funky one bedroom top floor flat in an imposing period building, comprising an airy reception with massive skylights, spacious kitchen, bedroom with sash windows, bathroom with bath & shower, streaming with natural daylight, off street parking & excellent transport links & amenities.

Alexandra Drive, Gipsy Hill, SE19, £1000 pcm

Cheeky two bedroom split level period flat comprising large reception with fireplace, cornicing & sash windows, fitted kitchen & dining room, spacious double bedrooms with storage, study, bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Stacks of space & two tics from Gipsy Hill BR & Palace nightlife.

Hilldown Road, Streatham, SW16, £925

Cracking first floor two bedroom period flat in impressive building & boasting a spacious newly fitted beech kitchen with glossy worktops, s/s appliances & fittings, tiled floors; new monochrome tiled bathroom with bath & shower. Neutrally decorated reception & bedroom - both good size.

Honor Oak Road, Forest Hill, SE23, £1000 pcm

Monster three bedroom period second floor flat in an impressive Thirties mansion block between Honor Oak & Forest Hill BR. Boasting a massive reception with high ceilings, modern beech kitchen with breakfast bar, three double bedrooms, huge hallways and communal gardens. A steal!

Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, SW16, £900 pcm

Check out this swanky top floor two bedroom period flat undergoing refurb. Oozes character with its charming eaves & skylights & boasts a spacious newly fitted beech kitchen with stone flooring & s/s appliances, double bedrooms, newly fitted tiled bathroom, slate floors, entry phone.

Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, SE22, £1400 pcm

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Pevensey Road, Tooting, SW17, £1050 pcm

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Home front

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This flat on **CRYSTAL PALACE PARK ROAD SE26** forms part of a handsome detached house backing onto Crystal Palace Park. Stylishly finished, it has a grand entrance hall, three double bedrooms, cool kitchen/diner, bathroom and shower room. The property, which also features a large reception with feature fireplace and bay window, is on the books with **ACORN (020 8768 0000)** for £332,950.

The Pioneer Centre, **FROBISHER PLACE SE15** houses this unique apartment in a warehouse-style 1930's building. The property, nestled in a gated development, has two double bedrooms, an open-plan kitchen/reception, bathroom and private roof terrace. There's also a communal pool, gym and tennis court. Snap it up for £335,000 from **KINLEIGH FOLKARD & HAYWARD (020 7639 2029)**.

This end-of-terrace Victorian house sits along the Peckham Rye/East Dulwich border on **COPLESTON ROAD SE15**. The property has a 131ft garden, four double bedrooms, a kitchen/dining room, reception and bathroom as well as a shower room and cellar. It's on the books with **KINLEIGH FOLKARD & HAYWARD (020 7639 2029)** for £599,999.

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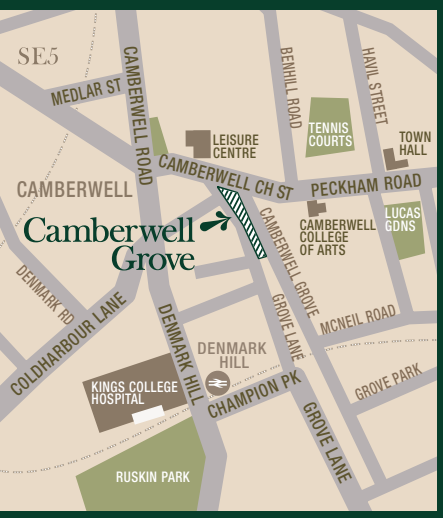

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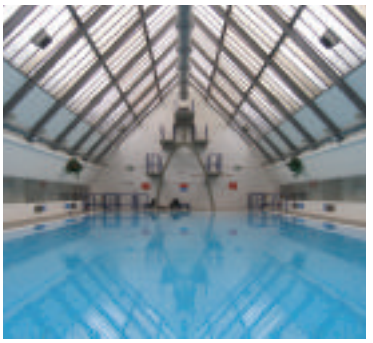

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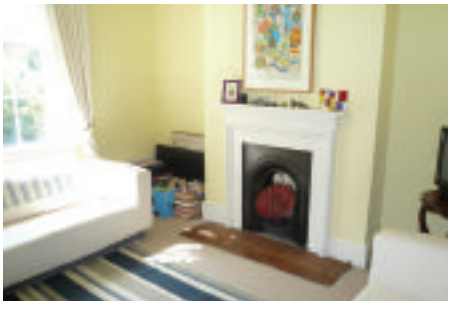

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Some of the Victorian streets lost their traditional feel, where everybody knew each other in a long established community. However over recent years, we have seen a new breed of buyers and renters discovering these previously hidden treasures. Many of these properties have fallen into disrepair but still offer great space, charm and original features. A telltale sign of this is that when one drives around these clusters of streets, one will nearly always find either skips on the road or a property being restored, not only back to its former glory but very often with a contemporary twist as the astute buyer creates their new pad.

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Obviously any area attracts a mix of buyers, but what we notice in Loughborough Junction is that the new generation of buyers and renters tends to be the more creative, artistic types, who are guiding the area to a bohemian style, whilst still respecting the dynamics of the local area. Although we have seen a slow-down in the sales market this year, we find that the gentrification is still growing from a lettings point of view, and the dynamics and quality of young professional people wanting to rent in this location are still very much on the up.

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Hayes Grove, SE22 **£380 pw**

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Ivanhoe Road, SE5 **£265 pw**

Large split level Victorian conversion flat, situated between two main line stations. Comprises two double bedrooms, reception room and fitted kitchen. Bright and airy throughout and close to local amenities.

Gloucester Court, SE22 **£253 pw**

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Fawnbrake Avenue, SE24 £799,950

6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, front reception room, rear reception open plan to kitchen, utility/downstairs cloakroom, cellar and rear garden.

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Turney Road, SE21 £765,000

4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, bathroom, downstairs shower room OSP, south facing rear garden.

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Chestnut Road, SE27 £799,950

5 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), kitchen, garden, off street parking.

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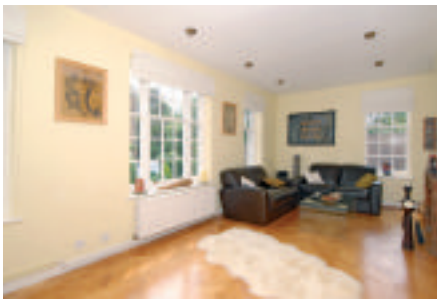

Stonehills Court, SE21 £375,000

3 bedrooms, 20' x 11' reception room, dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom, garage situated en-bloc and communal gardens.

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Peckarmans Wood, SE26 £435,000

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), cloakroom, open-plan lounge / dining area, kitchen, garage, gardens.

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Clive Road, SE21 £499,950

3 double bedrooms, bathroom, study, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, conservatory, rear garden, OSP and dedicated on street parking.

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Southwell Road, SE5 £1,350pcm

2 bedrooms, 1 reception, bathroom, garden, fitted kitchen.

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Mayall Road, SE24 £1,600pcm

3 bedrooms, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, garden, bathroom.

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Upland Road SE22 £900,000

5 bedrooms (1 en-suite), 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, 125ft garden, Off street parking.

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Tell Grove SE22 £660,000

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), lounge/dining room, popular location.

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Hollies Close, SW16 £975,000

5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), 2 receptions, conservatory, study, games room, double garage, garden, double fronted detached house in exclusive gated development.

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Central Hill, SE19 £499,995

3 / 4 bedrooms, 2 / 3 receptions, semi detached house, 2 bathrooms, off street parking, 85ft garden.

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Venner Road , SE26 £535,000

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 en-suite), recently refurbished.

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Levendale Road , SE23 £349,950

3 bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen, conservatory, rear garden.

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Dunstans Road, SE22 £525,000
3 bedrooms, 26ft double reception room, kitchen / breakfast room, bathroom, 70ft rear garden

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Underhill Road, SE22 £259,950
1 bedroom, 1 reception room, kitchen / dining room, conservatory, bathroom, 20ft rear garden

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Athenlay Road SE15 £1,800pcm
3 double bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, beautifully refurbished.

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Peckham Rye, SE15 £1,250pcm
2 double bedroom apartment, fantastic internal decor, great location, underground parking.

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Patterson Road, SE19 £399,950
3 bedrooms, large through reception, kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, separate wc, detached garage, 50ft rear garden.
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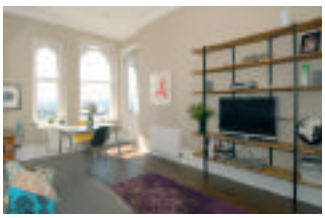

Ross Road, SE25 £249,995
2 bedrooms, 1 reception, split-level apartment, gated access, kitchen, bathroom, superb views.

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Highfield Hill, SE19 £1,800 pcm
3 bedrooms, 2 receptions, study room, d/s cloakroom, integral garage + off street parking, 100ft garden.

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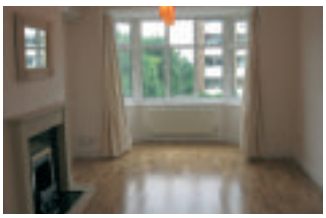

Grange Road, SE19 £1,300 pcm
3 bedrooms, 2 receptions, fitted kitchen, bathroom, utility room, garden, unfurnished.

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Pearcefield Av, SE23 £295,000
2 double bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, courtyard garden.

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Waldram Pk Rd, SE23 £275,000
2 double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, fully refurbished.

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Liphook Cr, SE23 £2,000 pcm
4 bedrooms, double reception, dining room, kitchen / breakfast room, superb garden.

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Montem Road , SE23 £1,350 pcm
3 bedrooms, kitchen / living area, bathroom, rear garden, neutral decor.

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Goodrich Road, SE22 £550,000
3 town houses, 3 bedrooms, spacious reception room, integrated kitchen appliances, off street parking, private rear garden.

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Herne Hill, SE24 £274,950
Newly built apartments, 2 bedrooms, high gloss kitchen, integrated kitchen appliances, private outside space.

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Brockley Park, SE23 £265,000
2 bedrooms, large kitchen/lounge, contemporary bathroom suite, off street parking, gated development.

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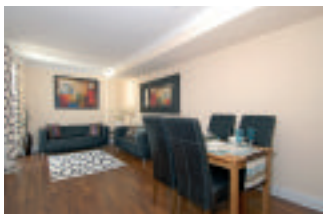

Anerley Stn Rd, SE20 £234,995
2 bedrooms, open plan kitchen/ lounge, high gloss kitchens with integrated appliances, video phone entry system, secure underground parking.

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